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Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d) is a Continued Prosecution (Nonprovisional) Patent Application ("CPA") for a Divisional of United States Patent Application No. 09/443,443, filed on November 22, 1999 entitled:

METHOD FOR FORMING A SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE HAVING A MECHANICALLY ROBUST PAD INTERFACE by:

Scott K. Pozder et al.

Please abandon the above identified prior application and transfer all of its contents to the present CPA as of the CPA filing date.

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- _____ Priority of U.S. Patent Application No. _____ filed on _____ is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119(e).
- X Priority of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/443,443 filed on November 22, 1999 is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. §120.

_____ This Application is being filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application. Amend the current Application by deleting the following inventors pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.53: _____.

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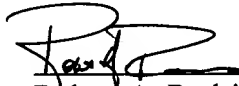
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